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MISSOURI SOUTHERN STATE UNIVERSITY

Commencement

Spring 2011

9:30 A.M.

*Cooperative Graduate Programs, School of Arts & Sciences,
School of Technology, Associate Degrees*

*Saturday • May 21, 2011
Leggett & Platt Athletic Center*

Fifty-Sixth Commencement
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Processional: "Pomp and Circumstance"**.Elgar**
Missouri Southern Commencement Ensemble

Invocation**Dr. Glenn Coltharp**
Dean, School of Education, Missouri Southern State University

Welcome and Introductions.....**Dr. Bruce W. Speck**
President, Missouri Southern State University

Commencement Speaker.....**Mr. Bill Gipson**
President & Chief Executive Officer of The Empire District Electric Company

Presentation of Class**Dr. AJ Anglin**
Vice President for Academic Affairs, Missouri Southern State University

Conferring of Graduate Degrees**Dr. Bruce W. Speck**

Master's Hooding.....**Dr. Chris McGowan**
*Graduate Dean, Dean of Arts and Sciences
Southeast Missouri State University*

Presentation of Baccalaureate and Associate Degrees

Conferring of Bachelor and Associate Degrees**Dr. Bruce W. Speck**
Presentation of Diplomas

Introduction of Degree Candidates**Mr. Jeff Skibbe**
General Manager, 88.7KXMS/Fine Arts Radio International, Missouri Southern State University

Congratulatory Remarks**Dr. Cheryl Cifelli**
President, Faculty Senate, Missouri Southern State University

Announcement of Academic Honors**Dr. AJ Anglin**

Turning of the Tassel.....**Mr. Will Roderique, '91**
President, Missouri Southern Alumni Association Board of Directors

MSSU Alma Mater (See page 13)**Ms. Charlene Smith**
Senior BA vocal music, Carthage

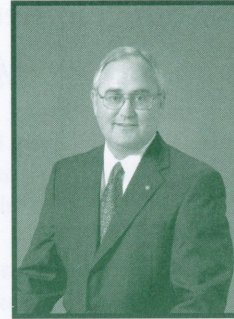
Benediction**Dr. Glenn Coltharp**

Recessional "Sine Nomine"**R.V. Williams & E. Rosenberg**
Missouri Southern Commencement Ensemble

Sign Language Interpreter**Mrs. Mary Zustiak**

Please remain standing until recessional is completed. • Please turn off all beepers/cell phones

**Mr. Bill Gipson
Commencement Speaker**



Mr. Bill Gipson, President & Chief Executive Officer of The Empire District Electric Company has served for 30 years at Empire District Electric Company. Earlier this year, he announced his intention to retire.

This May, Mr. Gipson was named "Outstanding Citizen" by the Joplin Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Gipson began working for the company in 1981 in the Information Technology Department. In 1987 he was promoted to Manager of Economic Development and in 1995 to Director of Commercial Operations. In 1997 he was named General Manager of Commercial Operations. Later that year he was elected Vice President of Commercial Operations. In 2001, Gipson was named Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer.

He was elected to the Board of Directors in 2002 and as President and CEO later that year.

"Bill Gipson has successfully led the company through a challenging time," said D. Randy Laney, chairman of Empire's Board of Directors. "During his leadership years, the company's assets nearly doubled from about \$860 million in 2004 to approximately \$1.5 billion at the end of 2010. Bill's focused leadership will be missed; however, we are fortunate he will continue to serve on our Board of Directors."

A native of Jasper County, Mr. Gipson graduated from Missouri Southern State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Management Technology.

Mr. Gipson has also served on a number of boards and committees for non-profit organizations and economic development initiatives throughout the tri-state area.

He currently serves as campaign chair for the Joplin Regional Prosperity Initiative and is on the Missouri Chamber of Commerce and Industry Board of Directors (MCCI). Mr. Gipson also serves as a board member of the Missouri Energy Development Association (MEDA) and the Edison Electric Institute. In addition, he is a member of the MSSU Robert W. Plaster School of Business Advisory Council, the MSSU Foundation Board and the Joplin Rotary Club. He is past chairman of MEDA, the MCCI and the Joplin Area Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Gipson is married to Tracy - also a MSSU graduate. They have one daughter, Sarah.

Cooperative Graduate Programs

Missouri Southern State University/Southeast Missouri State University

Master of Science of Criminal Justice

Comer, Roilynn *

Criminal Justice
Jasper

Ferry, Brittany LeighAnne *

Criminal Justice
Pea Ridge, AR

Horton, Gary Scott ‡

Criminal Justice
Monett

McCully, Sara Jane *

Criminal Justice
Republic

Dotson, Shane J. * ‡

Criminal Justice
Baxter Springs, KS

Holman, Shana Christine *

Criminal Justice
Seneca

Kaiser, Randee M. ‡

Criminal Justice
Carthage

Miller, Brett Samuel *

Criminal Justice
Joplin

The first graduates of the cooperative graduate programs received diplomas at Missouri Southern State University during the spring 2006 ceremony. This milestone was possible when MSSU and Northwest Missouri State University collaborated to combine their resources and expand higher education opportunities in Southwest Missouri and the Four-States region.

In addition to Northwest, MSSU has since forged partnerships with Missouri State University, Southeast Missouri State University, University of Missouri – St. Louis and the University of Missouri- Kansas City to unite efforts to deliver the programs with traditional classroom teaching and state-of-the-art distance learning tools using faculty from each of the universities.

Effective August 2003, the Missouri General Assembly passed legislation giving Missouri Southern State University the opportunity to offer joint graduate programs in cooperation with other public four-year institutions in the State of Missouri (RSMo 173.005).

The Coordinating Board for Higher Education oversees implementation of the cooperative programs to ensure the most efficient use of state resources and the highest quality of advanced educational opportunities.

During the ceremony, the presentation of the academic hood to master's degree recipients represents a compelling, highly symbolic moment in both the candidates' lives and in the commencement ceremony. The hooding ceremony for the cooperative graduate programs at MSSU signifies a scholarly and personal achievement. Colors of the hoods were carefully selected to represent both institutions and the corresponding fields of study.

The names of both universities appear on the graduates' diplomas. The significance and symbolism of academic regalia appear on page 15 of this program.

MSSU will continue to develop these and other programs in order to fulfill its mission and to meet the needs of the growing population and economy of the region.

Candidates for Honors & Degrees

Baccalaureate Degrees

Summa Cum Laude

Grade point average 3.90 or above

Baldwin, Terri Susan
Ball, Staci A. †
Boll, Teresa Gwen
Busch, Shyanna M.
Choens, Jessica Lianne ‡
Cole, Ranelle Kayleene
Cornman, Suzanne E. ‡
Dale, Susan A.
Davis, Megan Jubilee †
Depriest, Kristen N. *
Dhans, Lauren ‡ †
Eimer, Shannan Alyse
Ferguson, Shana Lynn

Fine, Amy K. †
Hagedorn, Sarah A.
Heidlage, Kimberly A.
Henkle, Danielle Marie †
Hickman, Desirae C.
Hicks, Nathaniel Alexander
Holt, Melissa DeAnne †
Hotchkiss, Kelsey Marie
Judge, Amelia D. ‡
Kline, Victoria Elise ‡
Lennemann, Leo *
Loden, Rachel S. *

Marak, Sarah Elizabeth
Martin, Andrea Joelle Lou
Maus, Julie Anna * ‡
O'Donnell, Lydia Elaine ‡
Outt, Susan Bryann ‡
Payne, Joanna M.
Pellegrino, Camille Ruth
Quirin, Amber E. †
Reed, Alexandra M. †
Reid, Charity Jolynn †
Riutta, Carita Suvi-Annikki
Schmidt, Taylor Anne †

Schweitzer, Nicole Renee
Seigel, Emily D.
Shaddox, Michael Wade
Stewart, Keysha Amber
Swadley, Kristen Lynne ‡ †
Swopes, Pauline F.
Terry, Ashleigh M.
Trout, Timothy Michael ‡
Vonderahe, Emily Faith ‡
Willis, Stephanie Lynn
Wimberley, Maria Ann
Wright, Elizabeth Leslie
Zimmerling, Irene

Magna Cum Laude

Grade point average 3.80 - 3.89

Adkins, Jordan L.
Alumbaugh, Lauren Madison
Burney, Emily Diane
Clipp, Scott Curtis
Ford, Kim
Gardner, Sarah Maria
Harrall, Katy Elaine *

Hayes, Amber Dawn *
Hilburn, Amanda Jewel
Kirkpatrick, Nyssa Rena
Klugh, Joshua Lee †
Kownslar, Karly Elizabeth †
Lehman, Reece Henry
Lewis, Sara LaVonne †

Linn, Christopher Ryan
Long, Andrew
Phillips, Sheena *
Qualls, Mishay L.
Robinson, Linsy Charlotte
Roschevitz, Coty S.
Tarrant, Ezekiel Parker

Tessman, Robert
Thomas, Dylan Wade
Webb, Cassie Jo *
Weldon, Jennifer Marie
Whitehead, Corey Mitchell
Zimmerman, Kevin Matthew †

Cum Laude

Grade point average 3.70 - 3.79

Albright, Bethney Anne
Block, Jody Lynn *
Bowman, Leslie Christine
Brady, Christina Samantha
Burnett, Micaela *
Clark, Coby Brendan
Daus, Haley Nicole
Gebelin, Miranda Michelle
Gibbs, Bradley

Girard, Rachel Nicole *
Hall, Eric Lee
Hernandez, Tomas William
Holcomb, Joshua Charles
Kropf, Sarah Renee
Ledbetter, Rebecca Ann
Loucks, Tiffany Ann
Marling, Lesley E.

Marrett, Zachary Lee
Moore, Courtney M.
Nummela, Aki Olavi
Phipps, Diane K.
Prough, Veronica Leigh
Rice, Anita Catherine *
Shanks, Kalie D.
Sherwood, Krystal Marie

Solomon, Charles Andrew †
Stanley, Michelle Lynn
Taylor, Luke Matthew
Vanvactor, Cody Ray
Wagner, Taylor M.
Wilson, Dana Anne *
Wolven, Robin Nicole
Zerkel, Oliver Kenneth

Associate Degrees

First Honors • Grade point average 3.90 or above

Willis, Stephanie Lynn

Second Honors • Grade point average 3.80 - 3.89

Burney, Emily Diane
Clipp, Scott Curtis

Ford, Kim
Roschevitz, Coty S.

Vance, Kaitlin E.

Third Honors • Grade point average 3.70 - 3.79

Anderson, Bradley William *
Albright, Bethney Anne
Brady, Christina Samantha

Flannigan, Erin Michelle
Girard, Rachel Nicole *
Hall, Eric Lee

Holcomb, Joshua Charles
Marrett, Zachary Lee
Morrison, Tara Nichole

Patterson, Jeremy William *
Sherwood, Krystal Marie
Smith, Cindy Marie

School of Arts & Sciences

Bachelor of Arts

Adams, Jr., James Dale

Art-Graphic
Galena, KS

Andrews, Angel Lavette *

Sociology
Belton

Blacksher, Sarah J.

History
Springfield

Bottorff, Jared Michael

English- Creative Writing
Joplin

Buck, Shaun Corbin

Communication- Mass
Joplin

Byers, Natalie Jane

*English- Creative Writing, Professional/
Technical Writing*
Mt. Vernon

Campbell, Matthew Scott

Theatre
Princeton, WV

Crosswhite, Eric Mathew

Communication- Mass
Neosho

Cruz, Alyssa Renee

Spanish
Joplin

Daus, Haley Nicole

Spanish
Joplin

Davis, Megan Jubilee †

Spanish, International Studies
Neosho

Figueroa, Natasha

Spanish
Joplin

Forest, Renee E.

Music
Joplin

Givens, Adam David

Political Science
Carthage

Glenn, Stephen N. *

Spanish
Joplin

Harris, Jill Elizabeth

English- Literary Studies
Lee's Summit

Hartmann, Rebecca Ann

Communication- Public Relations
Webb City

Hernandez, Christopher A.

Spanish
Joplin

Hernandez, Tomas William

Art-Graphic
Willow Springs

Hicks, Neil E.

Art- Graphic
Buffalo

Hinkle, Zach

Art- Graphic
Joplin

Hobbs, Joseph C. †

Communication- Speech
Joplin

Holt, Melissa DeAnne †

Commucation- Public Relations, Mass
Webb City

Holz, Jonathan David

History
Joplin

Jenkins, Tiara Noelle*

Art- Studio
Webb City

Kerr, Mary Katherine

International Studies
Springfield

Klugh, Joshua Lee †

*English- Pre-Professional Physical/
Occupational Therapy*
Chanute, KS

Lankford, Christopher Allen

History
Carterville

Ledbetter, Rebecca Ann

Political Science
Joplin

LeGrand, Dominique

Spanish, French
Joplin

LeMaster, Jessica Tace

Art- Studio
Joplin

Link, Rosita Renate

Art- Studio
Joplin

Lipe, Aaron M. *

Art- Studio
Joplin

Loden, Rachel S. *

Music
Saginaw

McAlister, Nathan Lee

Art- Studio
Neosho

Mejia, Art

Communication- Mass, Spanish
Joplin

Mullen, Melissa J.

Theatre
Webb City

Mynatt, Martha Renee

Theatre
Rayville

Nordstrom, Jason S. *

Communication- Speech
Joplin

Olsen, Hailey Beth

English- Professional/Technical Writing
Carthage

Perkins, Carl Curtis

Sociology
Joplin

Peterson, Emily Escamilla *

Spanish
Joplin

Piziali, Lakesha Nicole

Sociology
Seneca

Quirin, Amber E. †

English- Creative Writing
Parsons, KS

Rea, Galen Kendall

Spanish
Carthage

Salas, Ana K.

Sociology
Carthage

Schmidt, Taylor Anne †

Spanish, International Studies
Carl Junction

Smith, Charlene L.

Music
Carthage

Solomon, Charles Andrew †

English- Creative Writing
Joplin

Swopes, Pauline F.

Music
Miami, OK

Vu, Mary T.

Spanish
Joplin

Walters, Peggy

English- Literary Studies
Opolis, KS

Walters, Scott Kemp *

Communication- Mass
Joplin

Welters, Teresa Kaye

Spanish
Verona

Woodward, Holly Mari
English- Creative Writing
Joplin

Zerkel, Oliver Kenneth
Art- Graphic
Webb City

Zimmerling, Irene
German
Carthage

Zimmerman, Kevin Matthew †
French
Olathe, KS

Bachelor of Science

Anderson, Adam Ross
Biology
Joplin

Ball, Lloyd Garth
Sociology
Neosho

Batek, Josef
Biology, Biochemistry- Forensic Science
Columbia

Benkert, Brennan Christopher
Biochemistry
St. Clair

Bishop, David Joseph
Mathematics
Joplin

Black, Morgan Kathleen *
Communication- Public Relations
Neosho

Bouse, Mark Jason
Sociology
Joplin

Bulgurova, Olga Rubenovna †
Biology
Jefferson City

Carlton, Heather D.
Communication- Public Relations
Joplin

Choens, Jessica Lianne ‡
Biology
Joplin

Clymer, Nathan Robert Estell
Mathematics
Stella

Corcoran, Nicole Ann *
Communication- Mass
Joplin

Cox, Caleb Nikitus
Biology- Preprofessional Pharmacy
Joplin

Dennison, Timothy Jason
Sociology
Carthage

Evans, Mallory Jane
Sociology
Joplin

Feldmann, Jeanna Marie
Biochemistry, Biology- Forensic Science
Villa Ridge

Flanigan, Elizabeth
Communication-Public Relations
Carthage

Flynn, Jared A.
Biology
Neosho

Gardner, Sarah Maria
Biology
Noel

Gauss, Michael Joshua
Communication- Speech
Joplin

Gratton, Courtney Dawn
Biology- Preprofessional Pharmacy
Carterville

Haring, Meagan Lynn
Communication- Public Relations
Joplin

Harkins, Billy Dewayne
Environmental Health
Carl Junction

Harvey, Sarah Elizabeth
Biology
Webb City

Hawkins, Brandon Ray
Communication- Speech
Joplin

Heidlage, Kimberly A.
Environmental Health
Pierce City

Hensley, Beckie Sue
Sociology
Joplin

Hickman, Desirae C.
Biology- Preprofessional Pharmacy
Carl Junction

Hicks, Nathaniel Alexander
Political Science
Joplin

Houston, Steven W.
Environmental Health
Joplin

Jenks, Sharla Fay *
Sociology
Monett

Jones, Preston J.
Communication- Mass
Joplin

Kimmell, Pamela Ruth †
*Biology- Preprofessional Physical/
Occupational Therapy*
Nevada

Lawrence, Brooke Ann
Sociology
Joplin

Mabe, Tyler Jordan
Sociology
Joplin

Marak, Sarah Elizabeth
Biology-Preprofessional Veterinary
Neosho

Marling, Lesley E.
Sociology
Joplin

Miranda, Jennifer Lynn
Biology
Joplin

O'Donnell, Lydia Elaine ‡
*Biology- Preprofessional Physical/
Occupational Therapy*
Diamond

Patel, Bimal N.
Biology- Preprofessional Pharmacy
Joplin

Pellegrino, Camille Ruth
Biochemistry
St. Peters

Pence, Austin J.
Biology- Preprofessional Medicine
Joplin

Pierson, Kathryn Theresa
Biology, Biochemistry
Joplin

Pinta, Mark A.
Environmental Health
Joplin

Reid, Charity Jolynn †
Sociology
Purdy

Reynolds, Corey Steven
Communication- Mass
Neosho

Riggs, Courtney Elizabeth
Biology
Webb City

Robinson, Linda Radine
Sociology
Joplin

Robinson, Linsy Charlotte
Environmental Health
Joplin

Sample, Travis Jay
Biology
Joplin

Seeley, Steven D.

Biology
Asbury

Siegel, Emily D.

Communication- Mass
Neosho

Shore, Penny M.

Biology
Granby

Sisney, Dustin L.

Communication- Public Relations
Duenweg

Stebbins, Brennan D.

Communication- Mass
Carl Junction

Stephens, Bryce A. *

Biology
Cassville

Stetina, Terea Jeanette

Biology
Pineville

Tarrant, Ezekiel Parker

Biology, Biochemistry
Joplin

Taylor, Luke Matthew

Communication- Mass
Anderson

Terry, Kristina Joshua

Biology
Carthage

Tessman, Robert Thomas

Biochemistry
Joplin

Thomas, William Douglas

Biology
Marshfield

Treadwell, Taquitta Chantal

Biology
St. Louis

Vanover, Bruce

Biology
Joplin

VanVactor, Cody Ray

Biochemistry
Stanberry

Walton, Heather R.

Biology- Preprofessional Pharmacy
Wyandotte, OK

Watson, Jon David

Chemistry
Joplin

Wright, Elizabeth Leslie

Communication- Mass
Carthage

Young, La Cocoa C. *

Communication- Public Relations
St. Louis

Zimmerling, Irene

German
Carthage

School of Technology **Bachelor of Science**

Albright, Bethney Anne

Health Science
Springdale, AR

Ambros, Joyce Ann

Nursing
Broken Arrow, OK

Anderson, Kellen R.

Nursing
Cedar Springs, MI

Beaver, Magen Colleen *

Health Science
Webb City

Belk, Cody Miles

Criminal Justice Administration
Joplin

Bennett, Tiffany Renee *

Criminal Justice Administration
Owasso, OK

Blanchard, Cassandra Marie

Nursing
Lamar

Brady, Christina Samantha

Criminal Justice Administration
Joplin

Brewer, Clarence W.

Criminal Justice Administration
Joplin

Bridgman, Zackray David

Nursing
Joplin

Brown, Tracy Darlene *

Criminal Justice Administration
Prairie Home

Bunning, Amy Michelle *

Health Science
O'Fallon

Burney, Emily Diane

Criminal Justice Administration
Ash Grove

Carlson, Kayla Joyce

Medical Technology
Joplin

Carrico, Tonna G.

Nursing
Carl Junction

Chrisenbery, Gwendolyn K.

Nursing
Joplin

Clipp, Scott Curtis

CIS- Computer Forensics
Waynesville

Cloud, Sarah Elizabeth

Health Science
Oronogo

Collier, Corderia T.

Criminal Justice Administration
Opelika, AL

Conrad, Aubree Melissa

Nursing
Archie

Cook, Ashley Nicole

Health Science
Bentonville, AR

Cornman, Suzanne E. ‡

Health Science
Carl Junction

Courtney, Kristian Elaine

Nursing
Granby

Cox, Jennifer L.

CIS- Information Technology
Carthage

Culver, Erica Lee

Nursing
Joplin

Cummins, James W.

Criminal Justice Administration
Pineville

Davis, Amanda Leann

Health Science
Grove, OK

Del Rosario, Cymantha Renee

Health Science
Sweet Springs

Dhans, Lauren Elizabeth ‡†

Nursing
Spring Hill, FL

Diggs, Pamela Sue

Nursing
Carthage

Dixon, Noah R.

CIS- Information Technology
Joplin

Doak, Bethany Ann

Nursing
Joplin

Dodson, Amber Renae

Nursing
Joplin

Donnelly, Ian K.

Criminal Justice Administration
Nixa

Douthitt, Kirstie Lynn

Nursing
Joplin

D'Reego, Charles William
*Criminal Justice Administration,
Juvenile Justice*
West Bengal, Calcutta, India

Drescher, Dianna M.
Criminal Justice Administration
Grandview

Duffield, Lynn Halterman
Nursing
Joplin

Elsheimer, Rachel Nicole
Health Science
Coffeyville, KS

Ezell, Randy Dale
Criminal Justice Administration
Neosho

Ford, Kim
Criminal Justice Administration
Joplin

Frailey, Cindy
Health Science
Sikeston

Franklin, Christina
Criminal Justice Administration
Carterville

Gentry, Constance Nicole
Health Science
Benton, AR

Gibbs, Bradley Columbus
Juvenile Justice
Rolla

Gilreath, Christy Allison
Nursing
Joplin

Girard, Rachel Nicole *
Health Science
Joplin

Good, Kimberly Ann
CIS- Information Technology
Lamar

Grundvig, Terra Ann
Criminal Justice Administration
Goodman

Hakala, Jr., Paul Joseph
Criminal Justice Administration
Carthage

Hale, Nicole L. *
*Criminal Justice Administration, Juvenile
Justice*
Kansas City

Hall, Eric Lee
Criminal Justice Administration
Sarcoxie

Hamilton II, David C.
Health Science
Joplin

Harris, Danielle Shavon
Criminal Justice Administration
Leesburg, FL

Hasty, Scott Junior *
Criminal Justice Administration
Webb City

Heritage, Steven Shane *
CIS- Information Technology
Joplin

Holcomb, Joshua Charles
*CIS- Computer Forensics, Criminal
Justice Administration*
Joplin

Hopkins, Tyler Lee *
Criminal Justice Administration
Webb City

Hosp, Sarah Elizabeth †
Nursing
Carl Junction

Huey, Lacy Dawn
Nursing
Carthage

Huffman, Joshua Brennan
Industrial Engineering Technology
Neosho

Hunt, Scott Alan
Criminal Justice Administration
Mt. Vernon

Johnson, Jonathan David
CIS- Information Technology
Webb City

King, Gena Kristine *
Criminal Justice Administration
Carl Junction

King, Gina L.
Health Science
Joplin

Kress, Meryl Janel
Criminal Justice Administration
Carl Junction

Labadie, Josh Ryan
Criminal Justice Administration
Joplin

Lahm, Christiana Heather *
Health Science
Carl Junction

Landreth, William David
*CIS- Computer Forensics, Criminal
Justice Administration*
Stark City

Larkin, Annette Renea
Criminal Justice Administration
Neosho

Lawson, Cheryl Lynn *
Criminal Justice Administration
Sheldon

Lawyer, Suzanna Jo
Health Science
Webb City

LeDoux, Alyssa Rachelle
Criminal Justice Administration
Billings

Lewis, Dondi Michelle
Criminal Justice Administration
Carthage

Lewis, Nicole Marie
Health Science
Rolla

LoNero, Tania Marie
Criminal Justice Administration
Lamar

Long, Andrew
Nursing
Carterville

Lovejoy, Jasmine Jay-na *
Criminal Justice Administration
Springfield

Lowe, Kristin W.
Industrial Engineering Technology
Joplin

Magers, Ryan C. *
Criminal Justice Administration
Springfield

Maina, Grace Nyambura
Health Science
Joplin

Marbut, Shannon H.
CIS- Information Technology
Eagle Rock

Marrett, Zachary Lee
Criminal Justice Administration
Baxter Springs, KS

Mascaro, Rudy J.
Nursing
Liberty

Massey, Destiny Dawn
Criminal Justice Administration
O'Fallon

McAlexander, Bruce Kent
CIS- Information Technology
Monett

McConnell, Mallory Suzanne
Criminal Justice Administration
Joplin

McCullough, Damarko A.
Criminal Justice Administration
St. Louis

McFarland, Samantha Lynn
Nursing
Webb City

McGinnis, Jessica Nicole
Justice Studies
Galena, KS

McQuade, Shannon Nicole
Nursing
Webb City

Melot, Stephanie M.
Health Science
Granby

Mertens, Kathleen R.
Criminal Justice Administration
Carl Junction

Middick, Cori Alexandra
Criminal Justice Administration
Seneca

Mieswinkel, Kara Shaloy
Health Science
Neosho

Miller, Diana E.
Health Science
Joplin

Mollohan, Anetta Carol
Health Science
Bunnlevel, NC

Monroe, Andrea L. *
Health Science
Granby

Monroe, Lindsay Lee
CIS- Information Systems
Carthage

Mooney, Chelsea Nicole
Criminal Justice Administration
Bixby, OK

Moua, Anna *
Health Science
Rogers, AR

Murphy, Lauren Elizabeth Jean
Nursing
Joplin

Nance, Adan Elijah
Criminal Justice Administration
Joplin

Nunley, Travis Chance *
Criminal Justice Administration
Neosho

Orr, Savannah Lynn
Health Science
Carthage

Osiier, Brian Edward
Industrial Engineering Technology
Jasper

Otto, Tiffany L.
Nursing
Joplin

Piper, Jamie Lynn
Health Science
Joplin

Pugh, Ashly Michelle
Nursing
Carthage

Reynolds, Jami Leigh
Health Science
Naylor

Roehrs, Michelle D.
Criminal Justice Administration
Lamar

Roper, Denise Christine
Criminal Justice Administration
O'Fallon

Roschevitz, Coty S.
CIS- Information Technology
Rocky Comfort

Roy, Natalie Christine
Nursing
Carthage

Russell, Heather Evone
Criminal Justice Administration
Fort Scott, KS

Sams, Brook DeAnne *
Criminal Justice Administration
Springdale, AR

Sanders, Rachel Whitney *
Criminal Justice Administration
Stark City

Schmeling, Max A.
CIS- Computational Math, Computational
Math
Joplin

Seifert, Nick N.
Criminal Justice Administration
Joplin

Sexton, Jessie Lea
Health Science
West Plains

Shanks, Kalie D.
Nursing
Smithville

Sherwood, Krystal Marie
Health Science
St. Clair

Shores, Daniel Keith
Criminal Justice Administration
Diamond

Smith, Andrea Diane
Health Science
Carthage

Spears, Austin G.
Criminal Justice Administration
Anderson

Stafford, Sherry Lynn
Nursing
Carl Junction

Stammer, Andrew Wayne
Nursing
Joplin

Stanley, Michael Ray
Criminal Justice Administration
Purdy

Stinebrook, Douglas Dwayne
Nursing
Carthage

Switzer, Shannon Mary
Nursing
Webb City

Swyers, Meagan Ann
Criminal Justice Administration
St. Peters

Thexton, Richard Douglas
Criminal Justice Administration
Rogers, AR

Thomas, Dylan Wade
Criminal Justice Administration, Justice
Studies
Bella Vista, AR

Thompson, Roland Francois Burrell
Criminal Justice Administration
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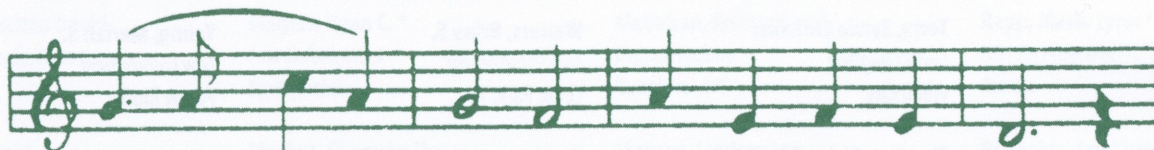
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Our Al - ma Ma - ter, we ho - nor thee,



shap - ing and guid - ing our de - sti - ny.



Af - ter we have part - ed as the years roll by;



we'll keep each me - mo - ry hail, hail to thee.



Missouri Southern State University's "Alma Mater" was drafted during the Joplin Junior College second year by a group that included Mary Laird, Joan Epperson, Enos Currey, Ellen Beasley and Emerson Jackson. Laird was principally responsible for the lyrics while Jackson set it to music. It was first sung during a Class-Day program in 1939.

Academic Attire

As early as the twelfth century the first modern universities, at Bologna and Paris, were centers of European learning. The usual garb of the time, for both churchmen and laymen, was a long gown which was necessary for warmth in the unheated buildings of the day. Scholars, generally members of churchorders, wore such robes and also hoods to protect their shaven heads. Later, skull caps were worn on the head, and the hood became a cape which could be pulled over the head in unpleasant weather. The hood was also sometimes used to collect alms from the more affluent members of the community. As additional universities were founded, distinctive forms of the gown and hood were adopted by their faculties. Variations indicated ranks within the institutions. Strict rules were published and in some cases punishment cited for tailors who departed from the authorized design.

The academic hat was a later development, adapted from the headdress of the ordinary people. Academically, it was originally worn as a symbol of the master's degree, and existed in various forms: some were round, some square and some had a tuft in the center. The flat, square "mortar board" of today originated at Oxford University in England.

Academic costume came to America in 1754 with the founding of King's College, now Columbia University. Styles became quite varied as they were in Europe, but in 1895 a group of American college and university representatives met to establish a uniform system of academic apparel for this country. This led to the establishment in 1902 of an "Intercollegiate Code of Academic Costume." The American Council of Education formed a committee in 1932 to review the 1895 code, which was again reviewed and revised in both 1960 and 1965.

There are today three basic types of gowns and hoods. The bachelor's gown has pointed sleeves and is designed to be worn closed. Recipients of the associate degrees wear gray gowns designed like the bachelor's gown. The master's gown is designed with an oblong sleeve, open at the wrist and with an arc cut away at the front of the sleeve. It may be worn either open or closed. The doctoral gown is of a full design with voluminous sleeves, and it also may be worn open or closed. Unlike the other two, the doctoral gown is faced down the front with velvet and with three velvet bars on the sleeves. These may be black or a color related to the subject of the degree. Thus, arts, letters and humanities may be white, business degrees may be drab or sapphire blue, education uses light blue, fine arts is brown, music is pink and science is golden yellow, to name a few.

The caps are always black, with a black tassel for baccalaureate degrees and a tassel of the color indicated above for master's. Doctoral caps usually have a tassel of metallic gold color.

The hoods worn by master's degree recipients are lined with the official colors of the institution awarding the degree. The binding and edging of the hood is silk or velvet in the color pertaining to the subject area. Doctoral hoods are longer and designed somewhat fuller, but the colors again are those of the institution granting the degree for the lining, and of the subject for the wide edging. There exists a small bachelor's hood, but generally it is not used in this country.

The hoods represented in MSSU ceremonies are a combination of colors from each of the collaborating institutions. Traditional colors and corresponding fields of study are:

Brown:	Fine Arts
Crimson:	Journalism
Dark Blue:	Philosophy
Golden Yellow:	Science
Lemon Yellow:	Library Science
Light Blue:	Education
Pink:	Music
Purple:	Law
Sage Green:	Physical Education
Scarlet:	Theology
White:	Arts, Letters, Humanities
Yellow Brown:	Commerce, Business, Accountancy

Points of Pride

Quality faculty and academic programs ...

Five members of Missouri Southern's Student Senate won the championship trophy in a Leadership Challenge this spring at Washburn University in Topeka, Kan. The five were presented with a campus crisis scenario and were asked to respond by acting the parts of campus personnel members. Participating students included **Darrell Sour**, senior Marketing major, Joplin; **Samantha Quackenbush**, senior Psychology major, Salina, Kan.; **Johnathan Saunders**, junior Political Science major, Neosho; **Sheena Phillips**, senior Human Resource management major, Joplin; and **Kisa Clark**, senior Mass Communications major, Neosho.

Outstanding athletic programs ...

The Missouri Southern Athletics Department secured the Sonic Trophy for the second consecutive year. The Sonic Trophy Series is a cooperative effort between MSSU, Pittsburg State University (Kan.) and Sonic to honor the athletics department that performs the best throughout the year. One point is awarded in each of the 13 sports in which both departments compete.

MSSU men's basketball coach Robert Corn earned his third Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association (MIAA) Coach of the Year honor. He won his 350th career game in a win to end the regular season and led the Lions to their seventh 20-win season. Southern won the third most games in a regular season and advanced to the school's second NCAA postseason tournament. The Lions won the MIAA Regular Season Title and advanced to the round of 32 in the NCAA Tournament.

The Lions swept the MIAA post season awards as Skyler Bowlin, senior Secondary Education – Physical Education major from Paragould, Ark., was the unanimous MIAA Player of the Year, while also repeating as MIAA Defensive Player of the Year and Marquis Addison, freshman undeclared major from Olathe, Kan., was the league's Freshman of the Year. Bowlin was named to three-different All-American teams and was a finalist for the National Player of the Year. Bowlin later signed a contract with the BG Leitershofen/Stadtbergen Red Kangaroos, a professional basketball team in Augsburg, Germany.

Exceptional students ...

Darrell Sour, senior Marketing major from Joplin, received the annual "Outstanding Leader" Award at the 20th annual Glenn D. Dolence Leadership/Service Recognition Assembly. Sour currently serves as president of the Missouri Southern Student Senate. He is philanthropy chair of the Kappa Sigma Fraternity, a values-based men's fraternity dedicated to fostering meaningful college experiences and the four pillars of fellowship, leadership, scholarship and service.

Alexandra "Alex" Reed, Neosho, has been named "Outstanding Graduate" by the Missouri Southern Alumni Association. Alex, a senior Elementary Education major, also has attained additional certification in TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages) - K-12. In addition to being an Honors Program student, she has been actively involved in Project S.P.E.A.K. (Speaking Proficiently Enables All Kids). She was named the Outstanding Officer of the Year for the State of Missouri by the Student-Missouri State Teacher's Association (S-MSTA).

Successful graduates ...

Betsy Banks Saul, '91, (Biology), co-founded the website petfinders.com that helps find homes for unwanted pets that end up in animal shelters or with breed rescue groups. Her efforts have been the focus of features on major news and entertainment programs, such as the *Today Show* and the *Ellen DeGeneres Show*.

Sharon Plummer, '76, (Biology), after earning her MBA from the University of Houston and retiring from an 18-year career with Exxon and Exxon Mobile, uses her artistic abilities to create mosaics, some of which were featured on an *Extreme Home Makeover* program.

Read these and other Alumni stories in *Crossroads Magazine* published by the Alumni Association. Read the latest issues online at www.mssu.edu/alumni/alumni-magazine.php.



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